

though this may be a "generic" statement from like-minded people, I felt the full need to support it and add my own comments as well. Not only does the decision by Sinclair to air "Stolen Honor" mandatorily on every one of its stations reek of an attempt at brainwashing, but it does not serve fairly and justly the diverse and opposing wishes of the Sinclair stations' viewer base. Such blatantly right-wing-slanted programming ought either to never be aired, or instead be -- mandatorily -- shown directly preceding or following an equally slanted program on the left side of the political line.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.